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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Stephan Appen et al.

Applic. No. : 09/931,686

Filed : August 16, 2001

Title : Apparatus for the Automated Testing, Calibration and Characterization of Tests Adapters

Examiner : Paresh H. Patel

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R E S P O N S E

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir :

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, the following remarks are made:

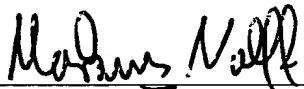
In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, Applicants elect the species of Fig. 3 and further elect the species of Fig. 5 for prosecution at this time.

Applicants will consider in due time whether or not to file a divisional for any non-elected species.

The following claims read on the elected species: claims 1-12 and 14-19.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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